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**Our Case No. 9333/274
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shingo Kiuchi et al.)
Serial No. 09/891,876)
Filing Date: June 26, 2001) Examiner: Huyen X. Vo
For: VOICE FEATURE EXTRACTION DEVICE) Group Art Unit: 2655

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on December 5, 2003 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 – 18 in view of the following remarks.

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.